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1 MR. THOMAS: I don't know how prepared I came tonight to speak. My name is Steven Thomas and I am a resident of the St. Louis area. [I've been a resident of St. Louis for about six or seven years and before that 20 some years in St. Charles. I now live less than a mile from the tracks and I grew up probably about a tenth of a mile from interstate 70, where they intend to possibly ship things through by truck. I really would just like to say that I support the opposition of people -- a lot of people who spoke tonight.]

2 I think a lot of things that I feel have been said. [It does seem that we're trying to deal here with a symptom rather than the cause of what we've done. I'm glad it was addressed, the issue of consumption, electric consumption. It's something that -- I don't know what role the DOE plays in that, but alternative energy sources would be a good idea, consumption -- cutting down on it until that time would help a lot and decreasing our demands for things like power from nuclear plants. And coal wouldn't hurt. We are taking things from the earth that are not going to be replenished for a while. It's causing problems for some of the people.]

3 [And what I also feel is most of us in this room tonight have been fairly educated people. How do people less educated than us feel about these issues? Were they able to be here? Do they understand the argument at all? To what degree do they understand it? I don't know how these things can be addressed, but these are some things that went through my mind while I was sitting here tonight.] Thanks.